



Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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Prescriber Peer Review Report Now Available on eKASPER

The Board is pleased to announce that eKASPER Prescriber Master Account Holders can now request a Peer Review Report. This report provides a comparison of the Master Account Holder's prescribing versus prescribers statewide and prescribers in the same area of work (specialty area). In the Administration screen (below the Prescribing Report Request section), the Peer Review Report can be requested by clicking on the View Peer Review Report button. The Area of work defaults to the physician's specialty found in the Area of work on the Account Maintenance screen. Prescribers may request the report for comparison with a different specialty by clicking on the drop-down arrow and selecting from the list provided. Note: some areas of work have been combined into a single specialty (e.g., the Primary Care specialty includes the Family Practice, Hospitalist and Internal Medicine Areas of work. All specialties for APRN users are included in the Nurse Practitioner Area of work.)

To view the report, click the View Peer Review Report button. The report will provide prescribing comparison data for benzodiazepine, opioid, sedative and stimulant drug classes. The report is a compilation of the last 90 days from the current date. The user will not be able to specify a different date range for the Peer Review Report. Changing the date range in the Prescribing Report Request (reverse KASPER) section will not change the date range of the Peer Review Report Request. The selected specialty is displayed at the top of the report, and the comparison data is included in tabular and chart forms for both the number of prescriptions written and number of doses prescribed.

The Board appreciates the work of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for adding this option to eKASPER and encourages physicians to take advantage of this enhancement.

KASPER Quarterly Threshold Analysis Report 3Q 2015

Several months ago, the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC), in cooperation with Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting System (KASPER) and with funding from a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant, began producing Quarterly Threshold Analysis Reports for KASPER data. These reports provide information on the rates of controlled substances dispensing in Kentucky by age and gender for a variety of controlled substances.

The third Quarterly Threshold Analysis Report is now available and provides information on rates of controlled substance dispensing (number of prescriptions dispensed per 1,000 Kentucky residents) by age group and gender based on KASPER controlled substance dispensing data. The analysis includes rates of 1) total Schedule II through V controlled substances; 2) alprazolam; 3) buprenorphine/naloxone; 4) hydrocodone; 5) methadone; 6) opioids; 7) oxycodone; and 8) total Schedule II stimulants. It can be found along with the first two reports at:

<http://www.safekentucky.org/index.php/menu-drug-abuse/kasper-reports>.

Board Orders can be viewed under the Physician Profile/ Verification of License link on the Board's website at www.kbml.ky.gov

Board Action Report (actions taken since 10/01/15)

Paul W. Craig, II, M.D., Lavalette, WV, License # 29912
Agreed Order entered into 10/05/15.

Joseph F. Daugherty, M.D., Park Hills, KY, License # 22022
Amended Agreed Order entered into 10/21/15.

Jason R. Deskins, D.O., Inez, KY, License # 03210
Order Terminating Fourth Amended Agreed Order issued 10/22/15.

William G. Devine, M.D., Henderson, KY, License # 35368
Order Terminating Third Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 11/12/15.

John W. Drury, M.D., Orlando, FL, License # 35817
Order Suspending License Pursuant to 201 KAR 9:310 issued 12/09/15, effective 12/12/15.

Victor A. Dunn, PA-C, Owensboro, KY, License # PA340
Amended Agreed Order entered into 12/07/15.

Jaleel F. Durrani, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 38130
Agreed Order entered into 12/11/15.

Michael J. Eldemire, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 41336
Order Terminating Second Amended Agreed Order issued 12/02/15.

Yogeshwar S. Gill, M.D., Huntsville, AL
Order Denying Application for Licensure issued 12/21/15.

Talmadge V. Hays, M.D., Pineville, KY, License # 14797
Agreed Order entered into 11/19/15.

Jeffrey T. Henson, M.D., Crestwood, KY, License # 46989
Agreed Order entered into 10/05/15.

Jeffrey T. Henson, M.D., Crestwood, KY, License # 46989
Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/04/15.

Jody M. Johnson, D.O., Prestonsburg, KY, License # 02979
Amended Agreed Order entered into 12/04/15.

Ron Y. Mark, M.D., Jericho, NY, License # 43873
Agreed Order of Fine entered into 11/24/15.

Audrey P. McCarron, M.D., Santa Monica, CA, License # 48680
Agreed Order entered into 10/07/15.

Aaron M. McGuffin, M.D., Huntington, WV, License # 48679
Agreed Order entered into 10/06/15.

Thomas J. Moore, M.D., Corbin, KY, License # 22596
Fifth Amended Agreed Order entered into 10/26/15.

Thomas J. Moore, M.D., Corbin, KY, License # 22596
Sixth Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/09/15.

Bogdan Nedelkoff, M.D., Floyds Knobs, IN, License # 15355
Order Suspending License Pursuant to 201 KAR 9:310 issued 12/09/15, effective 12/15/15.

Sidi Y. Noor, M.D., Lakeland, TN, License # 36646
Amended Agreed Order entered into 12/16/15.

Sharad C. Patel, M.D., Elizabethtown, KY, License # 20851
Order of Indefinite Restriction issued 10/16/15.

David M. Ratliff, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 31592
Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/09/15

Naseem Rauf, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 20620
Order Suspending License Pursuant to 201 KAR 9:310 issued 12/09/15, effective 12/12/15.

Christopher C. Reynolds, D.O., Vienna, WV, License # 03927
Agreed Order of Fine entered into 12/29/15.

John P. Short, D.O., Lavalette, WV, License # 03042
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued 10/05/15.

Frank G. Simon, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 14589
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into 10/20/15.

Visaharan Sivasubramaniam, M.D., London, KY, License # 38197
Agreed Order entered into 11/12/15.

Linda E. Stiles, M.D., Superior, CO, License # 48685
Agreed Order of Fine entered into 10/22/15.

Charles E. Terry, M.D., Irvine, KY, License # 14264
Order Suspending License Pursuant to 201 KAR 9:310 issued 12/09/15, effective 12/11/15.

Madhusudhan R. Yakkanti, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 40767
Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/23/15.

Restrictions have also been placed on the following physicians' licenses pending resolution of charges brought against them.

Robin Freeman, M.D., Cynthiana, KY, License # 46608
Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 11/20/15, effective 11/30/15.

Shawn P. Hudson, D.O., Rockholds, KY, License # 02933
Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 11/20/15, effective 12/09/15.

Meeting Dates For 2016

The meeting dates are available on the website for all Board, Panel and Allied Health meetings for 2016. To view these dates, please visit www.kbml.ky.gov.

KASPER Tips: Morphine Equivalent Dose and Naloxone Information on KASPER Reports

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In an effort to provide practitioners and pharmacists with additional information to help reduce the risk of controlled substance abuse and unintended overdose deaths, KASPER patient reports have been enhanced to provide Morphine Equivalent Dose (MED) information. The new change took effect December 3. The MED information is included to assist practitioners and pharmacists with their opioid prescribing or dispensing decision, and is not intended to limit opioid prescribing or dispensing, or to replace practitioners' and pharmacists' professional judgment on how to treat their patient.

The daily Morphine Equivalent Dose is shown for each opioid prescription record and indicates the morphine milligram equivalent value assigned to the daily opioid dose. The daily MED is calculated using a conversion formula from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and is a measure that equates different opioid potencies (based on route and dose) to a standard morphine dosage equivalent. This information makes it easier for healthcare providers to determine whether the amount of opioid medications the patient is receiving could place the patient at a greater risk of a drug overdose.

If the KASPER report contains opioid prescription records, at the top of the KASPER patient report users will now see an Active Cumulative Morphine Equivalent (ACME) number. This information will not be included on reports showing "No records found". The ACME number represents the daily MED level for active opioid prescriptions in effect for the patient on the last day of the date range selected for the report request (the "To Date"). Underneath the ACME number will be a chart showing the MED for each day included in the report date range overlaid upon a 100 MED baseline. All prescription records (opioid and non-opioid) that are active as of the "To Date" of the report are now highlighted in bold text. It is important to note that the ACME is calculated based on prescription data reported to KASPER only and does not include prescription data from other states that may be included on the KASPER report as a result of the user requesting data from other states.

If the report contains opioid prescription records, the last page of the report will provide information regarding the MED and ACME calculations. A table of opioid morphine equivalent conversion factors is available on the KASPER public web site: www.chfs.ky.gov/KASPER.

If the ACME is 100 or greater, a warning symbol will appear along with a note that increased clinical vigilance may be appropriate. This warning threshold was established by consensus of the KASPER Advisory Council members based on a recommendation from the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center. According to the CDC, a patient with a daily MED level of 100 or greater has an overdose risk nine times higher than a patient with a level of 20 or less. For patients with an ACME of 100 or greater, the last page of the report will also include information and links to additional resources about naloxone prescribing and dispensing to help in situations where a provider believes the patient may be at risk of an overdose. The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure advises that when a patient's MED level reaches the 100 threshold, prescribers are expected to increase safeguards (such as increased monitoring and the use of naloxone) and that ongoing treatment be supported by increased documentation of clinical reasoning.

Naloxone is an opioid antagonist medication that can be used to counter the effects of an opioid overdose if administered in time. Kentucky statutes allow licensed health-care providers to prescribe or dispense naloxone to an individual or to a third party capable of administering the drug for an emergency opioid overdose. For additional information regarding naloxone prescribing and dispensing refer to Kentucky statute KRS 217.186 (<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statutes/statute.aspx?id=44004>). The American Medical Association encourages physicians to co-prescribe naloxone to a patient or prescribe naloxone to a family member or close friend when it is clinically appropriate and provides guidance at: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/advocacy/topics/preventing-opioid-abuse/increase-naloxone-access.page>.

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Questions for practitioners to consider before co-prescribing or prescribing naloxone:

- Is my patient on a high opioid dose?
- Is my patient also on a concomitant benzodiazepine prescription?
- Does my patient have a history of substance use disorder?
- Does my patient have an underlying mental health condition that might make him or her more susceptible to overdose?
- Does my patient have a medical condition, such as a respiratory disease or other co-morbidities, which might make him or her susceptible to opioid toxicity, respiratory distress or overdose?
- Might my patient be in a position to aid someone who is at risk of opioid overdose?

The Drug Enforcement and Professional Practices Branch staff is available to help with any questions regarding the Morphine Equivalent Dose information. For support please contact DEPPB at (502) 564-7985.

HB 1 CME Reminder for Current CME Cycle

Board Regulation 201 KAR 9:310 requires all physicians maintaining a current Kentucky medical license to complete sixty (60) hours of CME every three (3) year cycle, with thirty (30) hours being certified in AMA or AOA Category I by an organization accredited by the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (CME). Please note that the current CME cycle ends on **December 31, 2017**.

The Board would like remind all licensed physicians to ensure that they obtain the appropriate continuing medical education hours to maintain compliance with this regulation. It is important to note the continuing medical education requirements related to HB 1, which went into effect in 2012, remain in effect. According to the regulation for each three (3) year continuing education cycle beginning on January 1, 2015, a licensee who is authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in the Commonwealth at any time during that cycle shall complete at least four and one-half (4.5) hours of approved continuing education hours relating to the use of KASPER, pain management, addiction disorders, or a combination of two (2) or more of those subjects. A licensee may satisfy this requirement by completing a single approved program of 4.5 hours or longer or by completing multiple approved programs for a total of 4.5 hours or longer for that cycle.

A summary of the Board's CME requirements is available on our website, www.kbml.ky.gov. Just click on the link for continuing medical education.

Renewal of Medical License For 2016

The 2016 annual renewal notice was mailed to physicians on December 21, 2015. State regulation requires all physicians currently practicing in the state to renew their license by March 1, 2016 and pay the \$150.00 registration fee in order to keep their license active. Renewals paid after March 1, 2016 but prior to the April 1, 2016 deadline, may be made by paying an additional \$50.00 penalty fee. Failure to renew your license by the April 1, 2016 deadline will cause your license to automatically become inactive and subsequent practice in Kentucky will be considered the unauthorized practice of medicine or osteopathy.

To renew your Kentucky medical/osteopathic license, please go to the Board's website, www.kbml.ky.gov, choose the physician renewal tab, click on the renewal link and log in using your Kentucky license number as your username and the last four digits of your social security number as your password. There is also a paper application on the website should you choose to renew your license by paper. There is an additional \$10.00 charge if you renew by paper application.

If you have any questions regarding your renewal or require assistance, please contact the Board at (502) 429-7150. The office is open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm EST, Monday through Friday.

Board Welcomes New Member

The Board would also like to take this opportunity to welcome its newest member, Dale Toney, M.D., who was appointed by Governor Beshear. Dr. Toney practices Internal Medicine in Lexington and filled the vacancy of the expired term of Jay Grider, D.O. The Board would to thank Dr. Grider for his service on the Board and his contributions to the medical community and citizens of the Commonwealth.

In addition to Dr. Toney's appointment, Governor Beshear also reappointed Randel Gibson, D.O., of Mayfield, to serve another four-year term. Dr. Gibson is currently the chair of the Board's Inquiry/Hearing Panel B.

